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Election to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee in accordance with section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Assembly is invited to note that Paul McKell (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) has resigned from the Finance Committee with effect from 23 May 2002. Mr. McKell was elected as a member of the Finance Committee in July 2001 for a term of five years.

2. Section 9, paragraph 5, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, provides that in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Finance Committee prior to the expiration of the term of the office, the Assembly shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or group of States.

3. In accordance with section 9 of the Agreement, the Finance Committee shall be composed of 15 members with appropriate qualifications relevant to financial matters. Members of the Finance Committee shall be elected by the Assembly.

4. By a letter dated 22 May 2002, the United Kingdom informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Michael C. Wood, Legal Adviser to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to fill the vacant seat on the Finance Committee. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Wood appears in the annex to the present document.[1]

[1] The curriculum vitae of Mr. Wood is reproduced as received, in the original language of submission.

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Annex

Michael Charles WOOD

Born 5 February 1947; British citizen; CMG (1995)

Cambridge University, MA, LL.B (1968, 1969)
Institute of European Studies, Brussels University (1969-70)
Called to the Bar, Gray's Inn (1968); Bencher of Gray's Inn (2000)

Assistant Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London (1970-1981; 1984-1986)
Assistant Legal Adviser to the Govenor of Southern Rhodesia (1979-80)
Legal Adviser, British Embassy, Bonn (1981-84)
Legal Counsellor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (1986-91; 1994-96)
Counsellor (Legal Adviser), UK Mission to the United Nations, New York (1996-99)
Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (1999-)

Agent for the United Kingdom in cases before the International Court of Justice (1999-)
Agent for the United Kingdom in cases before the European Court and Commission of Human Rights (1986-91)
Agent for the United Kingdom in proceedings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and international arbitral tribunals (2001-)

Member of the United Kingdom delegation to various international conferences and meetings, including:

-United Nations General Assembly (1972, 1973, 1991-94, 2000-01)
-Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (1975-81)
-Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority
-Lancaster House Conference on Southern Rhodesia (1979)
-Paris International Conference on Cambodia (1990-91)
-"Two-plus-four" Negotiations on German Unification (1990)
-United Nations Security Council (1991-94)
-Dayton Proximity Peace Talks on Bosnia and Herzegovina (1995)
-London Peace Implementation Conference (1995)
-Rambouillet/Paris Meetings on Kosovo (1999)

Leader of UK delegations to:

- Assembly and Council of the International Seabed Authority (1995-99)
-Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1995-98)
- Various bilateral maritime delimitation negotiations

Member of the Executive Committee, British Branch, International Law Association

Honorary Fellow, Society for Advanced Legal Studies

Member of the Advisory Council of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Member of the Editorial Committee of the British Yearbook of International Law

Member of the Council of Management of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Member of the Public International Law Section of the Advisory Board of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Publications

"The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents", 23 International and Comparative Law Quarterly 791 (1974)

"The European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism", 1 European Yearbook of International Law 307 (1981)

The Legal Status of Berlin (1987, with I.D. Hendry)

Contributions to the Encyclopedia of the Public International Law and La Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (Pettiti, Decaux, Imbert)

"Security Council Working Methods and Procedure: Recent Developments", 45 International and Comparative Law Quarterly 150 (1996)

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"Legal Advisers at Permanent Missions to the United Nations", in: The International Lawyer as Practitioner (2000)

"Honduras-United Kingdom (Cayman Islands)", report to be published in Alexander and Charney, International Maritime Boundaries (with Carlos López Contreras)